

CHARTER

1. Official Designation: Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel (referred to as the CNO Executive Panel, abbreviated CEP).

2. Objective and Scope of Activity:

a. The Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel (CEP) provides an avenue for independent advice and opinion from a select group of distinguished Americans to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) on a broad array of issues related to national seapower;

b. Members are drawn from a cross-section of communities including scientific, engineering, business, and political-military. In pursuing its objective, the CEP normally operates in small groups of select panel members to examine matters considered of import to the Chief of Naval Operations;

c. The functions of the CEP are solely advisory in nature; it is not empowered to make policy, management or acquisition decisions;

d. The CEP is neither established nor intended to advise on individual procurements. No matter shall be assigned to the CEP for its consideration that would place any member of the CEP in a position of acting as a procurement official (as defined in Section 27p of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended).

3. Time Necessary for the Committee to Fulfill its Purpose: Continuing.

4. Sponsor of the Advisory Committee: Secretary of the Navy.

5. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support for the Advisory Committee: Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

6. Description of Duties: The CNO Executive Panel will perform the following functions:

a. Address subjects approved by the CNO that are related to the role of naval power in the international strategic environment, including issues of technology, manpower, strategy and policy;

b. The CNO determines the subject matters to be reviewed by the CEP. Observations and recommendations are provided by the Chairperson (or designated member) of the CEP to the CNO, 1) directly in executive session, or 2) through written reports.

c. Review current and projected Navy policies and procedures in order to provide advice on enhancing the Navy's effectiveness and efficiency in execution of national and defense policy;

d. Recommend to the CNO various alternative policies and postures for fulfilling the Navy's mission in the face of evolving political, economic, technological, and military circumstances; and

e. Serve as individual advisors to the Chief of Naval Operations as required.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Work-Years:

Operating costs: \$918,560 Work-years: 7.9

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings: The CEP meets approximately twice per year in plenary sessions at the convenience of the CNO. In addition, various study groups meet periodically throughout the year. These individual meetings total approximately 30 per year, and normally do not exceed two days duration.

9. The Advisory Committee Termination Date: Continuing.

10. Charter Filing Date: February 28, 2004